

TEUTONS MAKE PEACE TERMS

Ready to Have Immediate Gen-
eral Peace Without Annex-
ations and Indemnities

WERE SCRAP OF PAPER?

Austrian Foreign Minister Out-
lines Berlin Ideas At Christ-
mas Night Conference

Petrograd, Russia, Wednesday, Dec.
26. — The central powers are ready
to make an immediate general peace,
without compulsory annexation and
without indemnities.

This is the answer to Count Czernin,
the Austro-Hungarian foreign
minister, made on Christmas day at
Brest-Litovsk to the Russian propo-
sals, which they are ready to accept
in most particulars as a basis of ne-
gotiations.

They insist, however, that the cen-
tral powers cannot bind themselves
on a side to such conditions with-
out guaranty that the allies of Rus-
sia will recognize and fulfill these con-
ditions.

The Russian delegates asked for a
ten-day recess in negotiations in
order to put these proposals before
Russia's allies.

Count Czernin's statement follows:

"The delegations of the allied (Teu-
tonic) powers, acting upon the clear-
ly expressed will of their governments
and peoples, will conclude as soon as
possible a general peace. The delega-
tions, in complete accord with the re-
peatedly expressed viewpoint of their
governments, think that the basic
principles of the Russian delegation
can be made the basis of such a
peace.

"The delegations of the quadruple
alliance are agreed immediately to
conclude a general peace without for-
cible annexations and indemnities.
They share the view of the Russian
delegation which condemns the con-
tinuation of the war purely for aims
of conquest.

Not a War of Conquest.

"The statements of the allied (Teu-
tonic) governments in programs and
statements have emphasized time and
again that for the sake of conquest
they will not prolong the war a single
day. The governments of the allies,
unswervingly have followed this view
all the time. They solemnly declare
their resolve immediately to sign terms
of peace which will stop this war on
the above terms, equally just to all
belligerents without exception.

"It is necessary, however, to indi-
cate most clearly that the proposal of
the Russian delegation could be re-
alized only in case all the powers par-
ticipating in the war obligate them-
selves scrupulously to adhere to the
terms in common with all peoples.

"The powers of the quadruple al-
liance now negotiating with Russia
cannot of course on a side bind them-
selves to such terms, not having the
guarantee that Russia's allies will
recognize and carry out these terms
honestly without reservation with re-
gard to the Quadruple Alliance.
Starting upon these principles and re-
garding the six clauses proposed by
the Russian delegation as a basis of
negotiations the following must be
stated:

"Clause 1—Forcible annexations of
territories seized during the war does
not enter into the intentions of the
allied (Teutonic) powers. About
troops now occupying seized territories
it must be stipulated in the peace
treaty, if there is no agreement before,
regarding the evacuation of these
places.

Restore Independence.

"Clause 2—It is not the intention
of the allies to deprive the political
independence of those nations which
lost it during the war.

"Clause 3—The question of sub-
jection to that or the other country
of those nationalities who have not
political independence cannot in the
opinion of the powers of the quadruple
alliance, be solved internationally. In
this case it must be solved by each
government together with its people
in a manner established by the con-
stitution.

"Clause 4—Likewise, in accordance
with declarations of the statements of
the Quadruple Alliance, the protection
of rights of minorities constitute an
essential component part of the con-
stitutional rights of people to self de-
termination. The allied governments
also grant solidarity to this principle
everywhere, in so far as it is practi-
cally realizable.

"Clause 5—The allied powers have
frequently emphasized the possibility
that both sides might renounce not
only indemnity for war cost but also
indemnification for war damages. In
these circumstances every belligerent
power would only have to make in-
demnification for its nationals who
have become prisoners of war as well
as war damage done by illegal acts
of force against civilian nationals.
The Russian government's proposal
for creation for special fund for this
purpose could be taken into considera-
tion only if other belligerent powers
were to join in peace negotiations
within a suitable period.

Must Restore Colonies.

"Clause 6—Of the four allied
powers Germany alone possesses
colonies. On the part of the German
delegation, in full accord with the Rus-

sian proposals regarding that the fol-
lowing is declared:

"The return of colonial territories
forcibly seized during the war con-
stitutes an essential part of German
demands, which Germany cannot re-
nounce under any circumstances.
Likewise, the Russian demand for im-
mediate evacuation of territories oc-
cupied by an adversary conforms to
German intentions. Having in view
the nature of the colonial territories
of Germany, the realization of the
right of self-determination, besides the
above outlined considerations, in the
form proposed by the Russian dele-
gation is at present practically impos-
sible.

"The circumstance that in the Ger-
man colonies the natives, notwith-
standing the greatest difficulties and
the improbability of victory in a
struggle against an adversary many
times stronger and who had the ad-
vantage of unlimited import by sea,
remained in the gravest circumstances
faithful to their German friends, may
serve as proof of their attachment
and their resolve by all means to preserve
allegiance to Germany, proof of which
by its significance and weight is far
superior to any expression of popular
will.

"The principles of economic rela-
tions proposed by the Russian dele-
gation in connection with the above six
clauses are approved wholly by the
delegation of the small allied powers,
who always have denied any economic
restrictions and who see in the re-es-
tablishment of regulated economic re-
lations which are in accord with the
interests of all people concerned, one
of the most important conditions for
bringing about friendly relations be-
tween the powers engaged in war."

Russia's Contentions.

Chairman Lofsee of the Russian
delegation expressed gratification
at the willingness of Germany to
conclude peace on the basis of no an-
nexations, no indemnities and the self-
definition of peoples, but pointed out
that the self-definition of peoples
within the limits granted by constitu-
tions, as stated by the German reply,
was not complete.

"Renouncing the application of the
right of the stronger nation with re-
gard to territories occupied during the
war," he said, "the powers of the
Quadruple alliance at the same time
give all their opponents an immediate
peace-ground. They affirm that the
right of the stronger, after unprece-
dented bloodshed, shall be preserved
with all its integrity within each of
the countries with no regard for little
and oppressed nationalities.

"The war cannot end without the
violated rights of these nationalities
being re-established. The Russian
delegation insists that those national-
ities must in the very next peace
treaty establishing a general peace
among all nationalities receive on the
basis of international agreement guar-
antees that their lawful rights will be
protected. The lapse of time in no
case legalizes the violation of one peo-
ple by another."

Regarding compensation for the
maintenance of prisoners of war, the
Russian chairman said it might be
construed as an indemnity. He in-
sisted that an international fund be
used to pay damages against private
persons. He had no objection to Ger-
many's request that her colonies be
evacuated by entente troops.

Hopes for General Peace.

Russia's delegation, he stated in con-
clusion, notwithstanding differences of
opinion, thought that the German de-
claration that Germany has no aggres-
sive plans, offered the possibility of
the immediate beginning of negotia-
tions for a general peace among all
belligerents. He proposed a 10 days'
recess until January 4, "so that the
peoples whose governments have not
yet joined in the negotiations for a
general peace may have an opportu-
nity to acquaint themselves with the
principles of such a peace as now is
being established."

"At the expiration of the indicated
time," he declared, "the negotiations
must be resumed, disregarding whether
or not other belligerents have
joined in the negotiations or how
many."

The next session of the conference
was set for December 26.

PLAN NATION WIDE SURVEY

Osego Selected as One of Counties in
Which Food Investigations Will
Be Made.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27. —
Forty-one counties in 31 states and
New York city have been selected by
Bureau of Markets for an intensive
store to store canvass as part of a na-
tion-wide survey to be made Dec. 31
by the bureau, in co-operation with
state and local agencies. All retail
dealers in groceries, meats, flour and
seeds in the territory will be asked to
fill out blanks showing how much food
they have on hand on the day of the
survey. Results from this store-to-
store canvass, the bureau announced
today, will be used in checking re-
turns by mail from all dealers, manu-
facturers and holders of foodstuffs in
all other sections of the country. The
counties were selected on account of
the wide variety of conditions found
in them. The cities include Syracuse
and New York. The counties include
Osego and Onondaga in New York
state.

TOWN LAD WASTE.

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 27. —
The town of Routers in Belgium was
almost laid waste recently by the ex-
plosion of an ammunition train caused
by bombs dropped by a British air-
man, according to the "Telegram."
The airplane itself was brought down
by aerial pressure. Many people were
killed.

Great Krupp Munition Works Reported on Fire



KRUPP WORKS.

The Krupp plant, the greatest munitions establishment in Germany, is reported to have suffered a disastrous fire. Over 100,000 persons are employed in the Krupp plant at Essen. Few places in Germany are guarded more carefully. No persons unknown to the German authorities are permitted to visit the town. The plant has been raided several times by French and British airmen. Last July over 100 persons were killed in a raid by French airmen and considerable damage done to the works.

BRIEF SUMMARY WAR ACTIVITIES

Peace Terms Ignore Demands
of United States, Great Britain
and France

TROUBLE IN GERMANY

Little Activity on Important
Fronts With Allies Victors
in the Air in Italy

Terms under which the Teutonic al-
lies would be willing to make "an
immediate and general peace" have
been made known to Russian dele-
gates engaged in peace parlor at
Brest-Litovsk. The terms have been
set forth in an address by Count Czernin,
the Austro-Hungarian foreign
minister.

As in previous Teutonic statements
of what will be required from the
German viewpoint to bring about a
cessation of hostilities and even
peace, the latest terms are hedged
about with conditions insuperable, as
it seems from the standpoint of the
United States and the entente allies.

No annexations and no indemnities,
Count Czernin said he believed could
be made the basis of a general peace,
but that the Teutonic allies could not
bind themselves to these conditions
unless guaranty is given that Russia's
allies would recognize and fulfill them.
Omissions in the statements of Count
Czernin are the concrete demands of
the United States, Great Britain and
France which have already been made
known, particularly that of rebuil-
ding of Belgium and Serbia, the return
of Alsace and Lorraine to France, and
the overthrow of the militaristic gov-
ernment in Germany and the forma-
tion in its place of a government that
can be trusted. The latter demand
was set forth by President Wilson in
his address to congress calling for war
with Austria-Hungary.

Pending the placing of Count Czernin's
proposal before Russia's allies,
Russian delegates have asked for a
ten-day recess in the negotiations at
Brest-Litovsk.

Within the Russian Empire, fighting
between revolutionary elements con-
tinues at several points, while the Bol-
sheviki troops at Harbin, Manchuria,
have been defeated in battle by the
Chinese, who captured the garrison.
Apparently distrustful of Rumanian-
Ukrainian forces who are opposed to
Bolshéviki, have occupied several Rumanian
divisional headquarters on the battle front,
disarming those of the Rumanians who
offered resistance.

An indication that things in Ger-
many are not going in accordance with
the German Government's desire is the
report that more than 200 members of
German minority Socialist party were
arrested in numerous cities Christmas
eve. The Socialists have long desired
peace, and refused to acquiesce in the
government war program.

Once again the Germans have en-
deavored to break the French front
on Verdun sector but failed. Assaults
delivered north of Daulleres wood,
resulted in the defeat of enemy and
the infliction of heavy casualties.
The Germans at one point penetrated
the French front line trench but were
immediately ejected.

On the northern Italian front there
was a general abatement in artillery
engagements, between the Plateau and
the Brante River, but intensive firing
between the Brante and the Plave
continues. The infantry forces of the
belligerents are virtually inactive.
Austrian air squadrons are bombard-
ing Venetian points daily. Over
Traviso, 25 enemy machines were at-
tacked and forced to flee, with loss of
8 planes, while later a squadron of 8
Austrian-Hungarian planes in a flight
over Monte Belluno, lost 3 machines.
All British and Italian air craft re-
turned safely to their bases. Little
damage was done by bombs dropped
by the invaders.

ENDOWS ORPHAN HOME

Multi-Millionaire Ex-Congressman Es-
tablishes "Surdna Foundation."

Yonkers, Dec. 27. — Establishment
of an endowment of \$2,500,000 for a
home for orphan children, to be named
"Surdna Foundation," was an-
nounced here tonight by John E. An-
drus, multi-millionaire and former
congressman from this district. The
name "Surdna" was devised by spell-
ing Mr. Andrus' name backwards. A
certificate of incorporation of the
"Surdna foundation" was approved
by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins at
White Plains today, and was sent to
the secretary of state at Albany. The
Foundation, which is to be perpetual,
has for its object, religious, charitable,
scientific and educational aims.

Mr. Andrus announced, in a state-
ment, that an orphanage will be erec-
ted on 100,000 acres of land on Broad-
way, near Hastings-on-the-Hudson, on
property formerly owned by his wife.
Preference will be given to children
of soldiers who give their lives in the
present war.

The endowment will be so arranged
that managers will never have to sol-
licit funds to meet deficits.

NOTABLE VICTORY OF ALLIED AVIATORS

Attempt By 25 Airplanes to
Make Heavy Raid
Fails

Italian Army headquarters in north-
ern Italy, Dec. 27.—By Associated
Press.—One of the heaviest air raids
ever attempted on this front came to
grief yesterday when nearly half of a
fleet of about 25 airplanes was destroy-
ed with a large list of killed or wound-
ed. The big fleet swept over the camp
west of Crevinso at 8 a. m., yesterday,
tying low and discharging machine
guns. Considerable damage was done.
Notwithstanding surprise, Italians and
British machines were soon in the air
and engaged at close quarters. The
fighting was most spectacular, 8 of the
enemy's cars being brought down, 6
within the Italian lines. The other
machines beat a hasty retreat. The
raiders returned at 11 o'clock and
several more were disposed of, two
within the Italian lines. An observer
just returned said that the scene of
conflict is covered by wreckage of
enemy aircrafts. One was a dread-
naught, containing 3 passengers. The
others carried 2 each.

SOLD LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS

Shockingly Immoral Conditions in
New Rochelle Hall; Proprietor
on Trial.

New York, Dec. 27. — The trial of
Jacob Grab, proprietor of Germania
Hall, in New Rochelle and his son,
Henry Grab, on charges of selling li-
quor to soldiers and sailors in uniform,
was begun in the federal district court
here today. James W. Osborne Jr., as-
sistant United States district attorney,
announced in his opening address that
he would show the Grabs not only
sold drinks to uniformed men at his
place, but women frequenters of the
place openly traded drinks of liquor
for soft drinks sold to soldiers. The
raid revealed shockingly immoral con-
ditions.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Binghamton, Dec. 27. — Patrick
Reardon and James Donnelly, both of
Troy, were instantly killed this morn-
ing near Windsor, when an overloaded
freight car in which they were work-
ing, toppled over. The car was filled
with railroad ties, and both men were
crushed under them.

POSTPONE CONGRESS.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 27. —
The government announced today that
the congress of neutral Latin Ameri-
can nations has been postponed until
April. This congress, it was reported
several weeks ago, was to have con-
vened in January.

OPPOSED TO PRICE RAISING

Milk Distributors Say It Is Detri-
mental to Their Business;
Forced By Consumers

URGE FEDERAL CONTROL

Consumers Claim Distributors
Make Large Profits on Cream;
Reach Decision By Saturday

New York, Dec. 27.—Milk distribu-
tors, as a matter of business policy,
are opposed to the practice of increas-
ing the price of their commodity to
the consumer, although they are forced
to take this action because of the
demands of the producers, said George
W. Alger, counsel for the New York
milk conference board, in presenting
the distributors' side of the milk con-
troversy before the federal milk com-
mission here today.

"The distributors do not want an
increase in the retail price of milk,"
said Mr. Alger, "because experience
has shown that each increase in the
price to the consumer has caused a
decided falling off in consumption. It
is within the power of the commission
to bankrupt and ruin the distributors
by increasing the present price of milk
to the consumer.

"The figures of the Borden company
show that during the year ending June
30, 1917, it suffered a loss of \$115,000.
The company, since September, 1916,
reports a falling off of from 11 to 51
percent in quantity previously sup-
plied and has taken off 200 wagons.
This was due solely to the increase
of price made necessary by the de-
mands of the farmers.

"The distributors are anxious to as-
sist in working out the food problems
but they do not wish to face bank-
ruptcy in doing this duty."

"We have heard a great deal from
the distributors about their small
margin of profit on the capital invest-
ed," said Edward Kellogg Baird, rep-
resenting the Consumers' league, "but
the fact remains that the farmer and
the consumer have been bumped for
35 years and their only hope now lies
with this commission.

"Many years ago the distributors of
the city fixed their prices through the
medium of the Exchange Limited and
when this was dissolved by law the
same parties crossed to New Jersey
and organized the Consolidated Milk
exchange, which fixed the price of
milk for New York city."

That the milk business of the na-
tion will be placed under federal con-
trol was the suggestion made by Mr.
Baird, in his closing argument. He
said that although the distributors had
emphasized their milk prices, they
had failed to include in their evidence
any figures or references to profits
derived from the sale of cream.

"The profit on cream is the cream
of the milk business," he said, "but in
all of the figures presented to this
commission no mention has been made
of this important item."

The hearing was then adjourned.
The commission, which under its au-
thority is required to fix prices for the
first three months of 1918, will make
an effort to reach a decision not later
than Saturday of the current week.

CHARGE EXORBITANT FEES.

New York, Dec. 27. — Governor
Whitman will be asked by Adjutant
General Sherrill, it was announced to-
night to issue a proclamation settling
the status of attorneys and notaries
public, who have been charging exor-
bitant fees for assisting men eligible
under the draft law, for making out
questionnaires.

Many notaries have been summoned
to appear before the district attorneys
of New York, Kings and Bronx coun-
ties to explain their acts, but most of
them claim to have been acting within
their legal rights and asked what the
district attorney proposed to do about
it. Action by the Governor will be
asked for this reason.

UNIFORMS DELAYED BY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Quartermaster-General Also Told
Senate Investigating Committee
of Profiteering on Contract

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Exam-
ination of Quartermaster General
Sharpe was resumed today by the
Senate military committee investigat-
ing war preparations.

Sharp criticism of the shortage of
winter overcoats was made by the
senators, who declared orders for
clothing were not followed up to in-
sure deliveries.

General Sharpe declared that de-
lay in deliveries was largely the cause
of the shortage.

"You practically surrendered your
power over contracts to the Council
of National Defense, didn't you, ex-
cept that you had a representative
meeting with the board" asked
Senator Chamberlain.

General Sharpe answered that the
council had nothing to do with mak-
ing uniform, but only with getting
cloth for their manufacture.

General Sharpe said manufactur-
ing contracts were placed in sufficient
time for making of clothing, but that
delayed deliveries held up the cloth-
ing manufacturers.

Tracing the causes for delay in
getting clothing to the troops, Sena-
tor Frelinghuysen declared it was due
to a conflict of authority between the
quartermaster general and the Council
of National Defense.

Practically every contract for over-
coats was delayed, General Sharpe
said, by trouble in getting cloth and
strikes in the clothing factories. The
decision to send forces to France
sooner than expected was another
cause.

Senator Weeks brought out that
Boston wool dealers early in the war
offered wool supplies to the war de-
partment.

"Was anything done?" he asked.

"Not then," General Sharpe an-
swered. "Later I think the Council
of National Defense took up the mat-
ter."

Senator Weeks brought out that the
supplies committee of the council
recommended a contract for sorting
scraps from army cloth at six cents a
pound and that it was found exces-
sive and annulled. Two cents was
later reported as a fair price. A Mr.
Kaplan, said to be a brother of a
member of the council's committee,
was mentioned as a member of the
firm that got the six cent contract, A.
B. Stone of Cleveland was also men-
tioned as a member of the firm.

The government intends establish-
ing a scrap cloth sorting plant of its
own, General Sharpe said. At the
six cent rate the private contractors'
profits were estimated by General
Sharpe at \$400,000 a year. If he had
known all the facts at the time, Gen-
eral Sharpe said, he would not have
signed the contract.

WHOLESALE STEALING OF GOVERNMENT CLOTH

One Arrest Follows Discovery
That \$500,000 Worth
Is Missing

New York, Dec. 27.—Louis David-
son, proprietor of a clothing shrink-
ing works in this city, was placed in
the Tombs prison tonight on the
charge of embezzling government
property. The arrest was made in
connection with the discovery of 350
bolts of olive drab cloth valued at \$50-
000, the loss of which for several
months had puzzled the quartermas-
ter's department of the army.

The conspiracy to steal uniform
cloth is extensive, involving at least
two civilian employees. It is probable
that other arrests will be made to-
morrow. The books of accountants at
the army building and one of the gov-
ernment clothing warehouses, are still
under examination. Davidson was ar-
rested by Assistant District Attorney
Knox, who said that after informa-
tion had been received that he sold
100 bolts of cloth below cost price,
the cloth shipped direct from the mills
to Davidson's establishment for shrink-
ing, for which the government pays
about \$2.00.

The quartermaster's department is
said to have known for several
months that cloth was being stolen.
Detectives said tonight that other
sponging houses would be involved
and that cloth stolen would amount to
\$500,000 in value.

APPROVE ATHLETICS.

New York, Dec. 27. — Messages
from Secretary of War Baker and
Secretary of Navy Daniels, commend-
ing activities in athletics in connection
with regular army and navy training,
were received tonight at a meeting of
the executive committee of the Na-
tional Collegiate Athletic association,
at which Col. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S.
A., presided. The messages will be
read at the meeting of the association
tomorrow.

EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—An
earthquake, general throughout Gua-
temala yesterday, caused a loss of
from 10 to 40 lives and extensive
property damage in Guatemala city,
the State was advised today in a cable-
gram from the American charge there.
No mention was made as to the dam-
age done in the interior.

MCADOO STATES RAILROAD PLANS

Immediate Step Will Be Re-Rout-
ing of Traffic, Regardless
of Companies

EFFICIENCY KEYNOTE

Officials Look For Material Im-
provement of Conditions With-
in Next Few Weeks

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Direct-
or General McAduo will soon issue his
first official order wiping out com-
petitive conditions and providing for
the complete pooling of traffic, equip-
ment of terminals and trackage
facilities, and the retention of the pre-
sent officers and employees.

The immediate result will be re-
routing of traffic, regardless of com-
panies and the common use of termi-
nals to effect maximum efficiency.

Without anticipating wonders under
the new plan, officials look forward
to a material improvement in present
traffic congestion within a few weeks.
Speedy movement of trains will be the
first aim of the Director General.
The equitable reimbursement of roads
for the use of their property on a
basis of pre-war earnings, increased
wages for railroad employees, the
financing of necessary improvements,
etc., must necessarily occupy the at-
tention of the Director General.
Before the foremost of these ques-
tions can be settled, special legislation
will be necessary and President Wilson
is preparing a message to be delivered
soon after the reassembling of Con-
gress. Legislation already has been
drafted.

The legislation and problems de-
pending on it can wait the delibera-
tion of Congress while Director Mc-
Aduo must get in action tomorrow.

First, he will confer with the rail-
road war board of the presidents
whose services and advice he said to-
day would be retained under the new
administration. Then he will orga-
nize a corps of assistants and advisers,
largely of experts of the Interstate
Commerce commission, in whose build-
ing he will maintain his headquarters.

Mr. McAduo said today he had
given almost no thought to the per-
sonnel of his staff, and was not pre-
pared to outline details of the ad-
ministration. He is determined, how-
ever, to avoid disrupting any railroad
or any agency already developed
which can lend effect to the new or-
der.

After the railroad war
board, after being in executive session
all day, issued no statements com-
menting on the situation, the railroad
executives indicated privately that
they were well pleased with the situa-
tion, and optimism was reflected in the
usual rise in railroad securities.
Congratulations poured in to Director
McAduo from all parts of the country.

Labor questions under government
operation were discussed with the Presi-
dent by the heads of the four railroad
brotherhoods. They spent about an
hour and a half with the President
and received assurances that most
railroad employees will not be called
in the next or even in the second
draft call. Mr. McAduo tonight
made his first public utterance since
his appointment, saying that at least
until his plans are matured, railroad
operations will be conducted through
existing railroad organizations.

"This new task is of great mag-
nitude and difficulty," said Mr. McAduo.
"It cannot be done in a moment, and
it cannot be done at all unless the peo-
ple of the United States, as well as the
officers and employees of railroads give
to the railroad directors their intelli-
gent and patriotic support. I seek the
co-operation and assistance of every
good citizen.

"The operation of the railroads is a
thoroughly unified system. Is very
important to the success of the war.
without it, we cannot get the effective
use of our resources. The supreme
test in this war will probably come in
the year 1918. Victory will depend on
our speed and efficiency. We can
neither get speed or efficiency unless
the railroads are equal to the demands
of the situation. I can only say at
this moment that the problem will

CARE OF BATTERIES

Most Owners Are Now Familiar With Use of Hydrometer.

MUST BE HANDLED PROPERLY

Most Common Mistake Is In Taking Readings Immediately After Distilled Water Has Been Added—Rectify Errors.

Due to the efforts of storage battery manufacturers toward educating the motoring public in the necessary care of their batteries, most battery owners are now familiar with the use of the hydrometer for testing the battery solution.

Motorists sometimes deceive themselves, however, by using the hydrometer under improper conditions.

Hydrometers are recommended to battery users for testing the battery's condition, because they are the simplest and most understandable devices available for the average motorists' use. At best they can serve only to indicate approximately the state of charge or discharge of the battery, and unless used properly, they tell nothing of value.

Make Errors.

The most common error among motorists testing their own batteries is taking hydrometer readings immediately after distilled water has been added. The solution has been brought to the proper level and presumably is in ideal proportions for a test.

As a matter of fact a hydrometer reading under these conditions is very misleading. The water added has not had a chance to mix with the rest of the solution, and the fluid drawn into the hydrometer is a very weak mixture which shows a low gravity test. From such a test an inexperienced motorist is apt to conclude that his battery is decidedly run down and needs recharging, whereas, the battery may be in a fully charged condition, when a strong recharge would do more harm than good.

Up to Proper Level.

To get the most out of hydrometer tests, motorists should bring the battery solution up to the proper level, by the addition of distilled water, and then defer taking a reading of the solution until the automobile has been run a few hours and the water, through the generator charging process, has had an opportunity to thoroughly mix with the rest of the solution.

If the hydrometer is regularly used in this way and the motorist will occasionally avail himself of such testing service as may be had at a battery service station, minor irregularities in the battery can be rectified before they become serious.

MONITORS HAVE "COME BACK"

Why Cheese-Box Craft Have Proved Useful in Present War.

Before the outbreak of the present war monitors were considered almost obsolete. It had been many years since American naval appropriations had included items for the construction of monitors. Now it seems likely that monitor building will be resumed, for in the European fighting these cheese-box craft have proved highly useful.

A monitor can carry a big gun and at the same time draw little water. It can come near shore in such shallow water that submarines cannot follow. Monitor fleets have repeatedly shelled Belgian towns held by the Germans, and have done much damage. In the Dardanelles campaign monitors were advantageously used after the enormous battleships had proved useless. Now it is reported that British monitors have been in the Adriatic, aiding the Italians in their Trieste campaign.

Besides the advantage of shallow draft the monitors present a small target for enemy marksmen. The British have many at their disposal, and are building more.

Alfalfa as Flavoring Extract.
Alfalfa is a mighty useful plant. Domestic animals, from the chicken to the cow, find it gastronomically available. But the notion of deriving from a fluid extract for the flavoring of beverages and foods is altogether novel. For this purpose the alfalfa is cut and harvested when about fourteen days old and eight to twelve inches high. In this early stage of growth it is relatively free from woody fiber. It is washed in warm water and dried by artificial heat, thus retaining its natural flavor and light green color. It is then ground into tiny pieces and boiled in vacuum pans, after which it is filtered, to get rid of the solids. The fluid thereby separated is mixed with pure sugar sirup and bottled. In this shape it is available as a flavoring for soda-fountain beverages, and even for some foods, as well as for chewing-gum and candies. Medicinal properties are claimed for it.

How to Develop a Good Memory.
In an article about James Horgan and his great memory in the American Magazine, a writer says:

"Attention comes first," Horgan told me. "When you meet a man, look squarely into his face for a second and forget everything else in the world. Etch his features into your brain; you can do it if you will keep practicing."

"It isn't enough to catch a name so that you can pronounce it. You must learn to see it. You must visualize it so that it appears in your brain as clearly as if it were printed on paper before your eyes. A trained memory is packed full of double exposures—to use a photographer's term."

How to Wash Chamomile Gloves.
In washing chamomile gloves use lukewarm water and rinse well. When they begin to dry blow into each finger, stretching it into shape in this way. Rub soft before putting on the hands.

Ice Tennis Fast Becoming Popular



TENNIS ON THE ICE

A fair skater playing tennis on ice skates at the rink of the Hotel Biltmore, New York. Ice tennis is fast becoming popular. The players wear skates with spiked edges, enabling them to stop quickly.

RAILROAD MAN IS ARTISTIC

Planted Vines Around His Tower That It Would Not Be Eyesore to Traveling Public.

The towerman of the Southern Pacific railroad at Pomona, Cal., is an exception to most men in his line of business, says a writer in Boy's World. He is not satisfied to have his tower looked upon by the villagers and traveling public as an eyesore. Consequently he has planted vines around it and trained them into designs, so as to conceal the unsightly outlines of his "nest." He has trained some of the vines to grow into the shape of the letters "S" and "P," the initials of the road for which he works. He has also made a neat border around his yard with whitewashed stones, and planted a variety of flowers, and even vegetables. In the yard he has built a tiny house to add variety to the landscape. He raises enough vegetables in this unique garden for the use of his family.

Mouth Decorations.

It is amazing how ideas of beauty vary with latitude and longitude. In Japan, the professional beauty loves to appear with golden teeth. In India she prefers them stained red, but in certain parts of Sumatra no lady who respected herself would condescend to have any front teeth at all. They are removed the moment they appear, and strictly suppressed if they should try again.

Utilizing Our Time.

We all need recreation, but we would indeed be acting most unwisely were we to give up all our spare time to the pursuit of pleasure. An evening now and then devoted to worthwhile study, or again utilizing a spare hour to the reading of a humorous story when we feel out of sorts, will without a question, prove a gilt-edge investment.—Exchange.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Markets.

New York, Dec. 27.—The stock market was thrown into a riot of foolish enthusiasm today by unexpected news of the forthcoming control of railroads. Standard rails rose 5 to 18 points during more active advance of the forenoon and Industrials later became prominent in gross gains in 3 to 6 points under lead of United States steel.

Evidently the terms and conditions already announced in connection with the unprecedented action are far more reassuring to investors and railroad interests than was generally expected. The constructive features embodied in the plan were helpful to other issues, including wider range of industrial, war equipment and allied specialties, as well as utilities.

Wall street believes all lines of industry are sure to derive substantial benefit through the physical advance of transportation system to which the government is now committed.

Today's market swept the Bears off their feet in a wild scramble to cover contracts. In spite of restrictions against speculation, there existed an extensive short interest, whose paper profit melted in the comprehensive advance. Final prices in important stocks were 1 to 2 points under maximum, but net results were the most heartening since beginning the long-sustained decline. Total sales were 1,150,000 shares. Bonds of low grade railroads rose 2 to 8 per cent, investments gaining 1 to 2. International bonds hardened moderately. Liberty bonds, 4½ sold at 97 to 98.36, and the 3½'s at 98.50 to 98.36.

U. S. bonds, old issue, were unchanged on call.

New York Produce.

Butter—Firm. Receipts, 8,533 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 50¢; 51¢; extras (92 score) 49¢; firsts, 44¢; 49¢; seconds, 41¢; 43¢.

Eggs—Firm. Receipts, 6,497 cases. Fresh gathered extras, 62¢; extra firsts, 61¢; firsts, 59¢; 60¢; seconds, 55¢; 58¢; state, Pennsylvania and near-by western henry white, fine to fancy, 70¢; 72¢; 60¢; browns, 63¢; refrigerator, special marks, 40¢; 41¢; firsts, 30¢; 40¢.

Cheese—Steady. Receipts, 373 boxes. State, whole milk flats, fresh.

special, 23¢ @ 24; do. average run, 23. Dressed poultry—Weak. Chickens, 21¢ @ 25; fowls, 18¢ @ 27½; turkeys, 23¢ @ 35.

New York Meats.

Beef—Receipts 857; no trading. Calves—Receipts 380; steady; veals, \$14.00 @ 17.50; westerns, \$10.25 @ 10.75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 990; irregular; lambs \$10.85 @ 17.25; sheep not quoted. Hogs—Receipts 1,800; no trading.

ONEONTA MARKET.

Grain and Feed.
(Prices Charged at Retail).
Salt, barrel \$2.10
Corn \$2.29
Corn meal, cwt. \$4.13
Oats 56 @ 58
Spring wheat middlings \$2.48
Flour middlings \$2.73

Prices Paid Producers.

Butter, fresh dairy 46 @ 47
Butter, creamery 50
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen 50
Cheese, lb. 27
Live chicken 20
Veal, sweet milk calves 18
Dressed pork 22
Dressed beef 13 @ 14
Veal, grain fed 14
Potatoes 90

Hides.

(Quoted by Miller Hide Co.).
Cow hides 15
Bull hides over 60 pounds 13
Horse hides \$5.00 to \$5.50
Dairy skins \$1.50 to \$2.00
Veal skins \$2.00 to \$4.00
Grassers, per pound 16

Land Built by Rivers.

The geologists says that the Gulf of Mexico once extended northward to the mouth of the Ohio, and that all the land between that point and New Orleans has been built up by the earth washings brought down the river. Even now the stream carries on the average something like 400,000,000 tons every year. From the Missouri alone comes 120 tons every second, or more than 10,000,000 cubic yards every day.

Born Together.

Boldness and power are such inseparable companions that they appear to be born together; and when once divided, they both decay and die at the same time.—Henry Venn.

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You climb the side of the earth, dragging heavy cannon through snow knee-deep until you feel that you are no longer men but machines. You make of the clouds a playground of death, and along white glaciers of everlasting snow you creep hand over hand right to the foe's breastworks.

These are but a few of the experiences and sensations which these thrilling records of history will bring to you. To miss them will be to forego one of the most unique and at the same time inspiring experiences of life.

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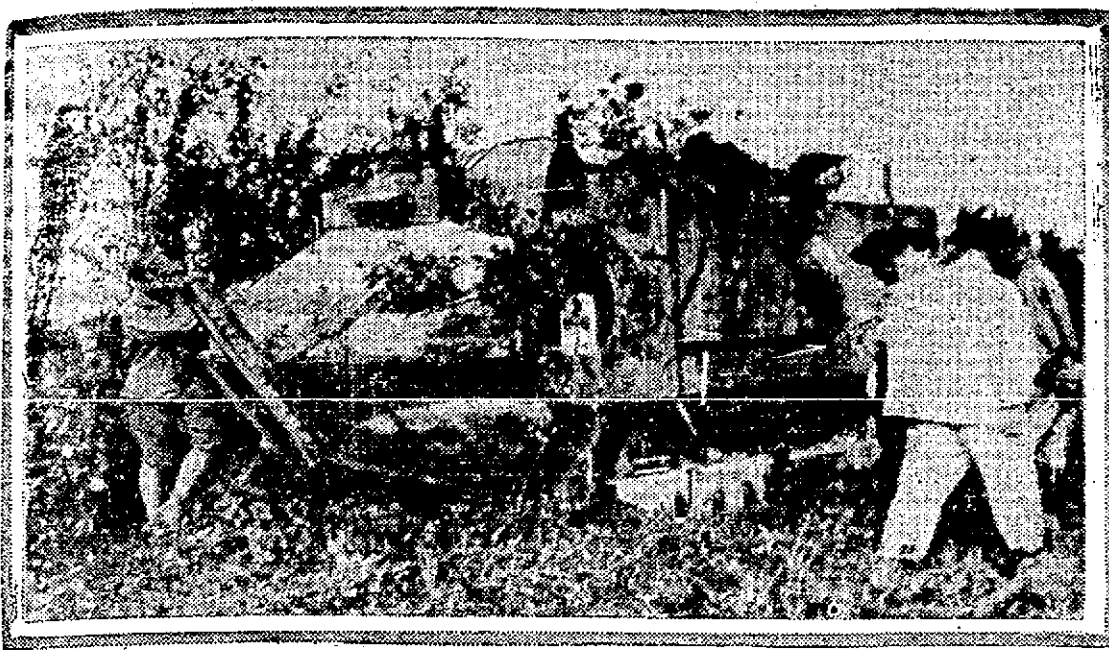
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FRANCOIS TANK
This French tank was between the lines for two months before it was recovered.

OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

NEWS AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

Wilbur Wilson and Earl Osborne Injured During Battle Practice.

Cooperstown, Dec. 27. — Wilbur Wilson, son of Charles Wilson, and Earl Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Osborne, are in the naval hospital at Norfolk, Va. Both were injured during gun practice on the Rhode Island. Mr. Osborne has a badly cut lip and his left arm was broken. Mr. Wilson is said to be critically injured, but the nature of the injuries has not been learned.

New Officer Secures Home.

Sheriff Orlo J. Brown, whose term of office expires Tuesday, will move to Chestnut street, to the home of Mrs. Tolman C. Smith. County Clerk-elect W. I. Smith has moved to this village and is occupying an apartment in the Delong building on Main street.

Birth.

A daughter was born Tuesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kraham. This is their ninth child.

At Thanksgiving Hospital.

Robert Davey underwent a very serious operation Monday at the Thanksgiving hospital. Westlow Frantz of Seward is a patient at the hospital.

Little Robert King, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. King, underwent an operation Monday.

Service Flags Flying.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Harvey have a service flag placed in honor of their son, Raymond, who is at Spartanburg, and Mrs. Orville Knowlton have a flag for their son Wesley J., who recently enlisted and is now at Camp Dix; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray are showing one with two stars for their sons, Harry, who is on the Mexican border, and Charles T., who is in the navy.

Christmas Dinner.

This evening, at the Froquois farm, a dinner and a Christmas tree were given for the employees and their families. This was followed by dancing with music by Bronner's orchestra.

Work on Trolley Station.

Work upon the new trolley station on Main street was begun Monday and is progressing rapidly, despite the cold weather.

Sustains Bad Fall.

Chester Osborne, who has a cobbler's shop in the shoe store of George Lang, fell upon the icy pavement yesterday on his way to his work, and is confined to his home as the result.

Thirty-Three Stars on Flag.

Sunday, a service flag bearing 33 stars will be dedicated at the morning services in Christ church.

Andrew Seckner Hurt.

While assisting in loading dirt, Andrew Seckner was caught between the wheel and a falling embankment, sustaining bad bruises and a badly cut leg. Mr. Seckner is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McGinley.

LADY MACCABEES ELECT.

Mrs. Jennie Flint Chosen Commander of Otego Lodge.

Otego, Dec. 27. — At the annual meeting of the Lady Maccabees, the following officers were elected: Commander, Mrs. Jennie Flint; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Elsie Wood; record keeper, Mrs. Cora Herring; past commander, Mrs. Edna Buchanan; sergeant, Mrs. Carrie Douel; lady at arms, Mrs. Amy Bessie; sentinel, Mrs. Libbie Boyd; musician, Mrs. Beulah Emerson.

Masons Elect Officers.

Otego Union Lodge, No. 282, F. & A. M., has elected the following officers:

WOMEN ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN WAR

Women can be usefully employed in making up the many American women are weak, pale or suffering from "women's ailments." For young girls entering womanhood, for women at the critical time, nursing mothers, and every woman who is "run-down," there is a remedy—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a special, safe and certain remedy for every womanly ailment, as "Favorite Prescription" it is the only medicine for women put up without alcohol. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an all-inclusive, restorative tonic, a soothing, strengthening, nerve and a positive remedy for the functional derangements, nervous disorders and chronic weakness peculiar to the sex. Write Dr. Pierce, president Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., for full confidence or send 10 cents for trial package tablets.

W. M. E. W. Thorpe; S. W. W. J. Card; J. W. W. J. Birdsell; treasurer, C. H. Broadfoot; secretary, J. Ceperley; trustee, F. M. Shepherd; S. D. W. L. Redington; J. D. R. E. Redington; tyler, L. I. Wood; marshal, R. J. Ferris; organist, A. W. Bailey.

Personalities.

Miss Mary Mitchell, teacher at Preston Hollow, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Mitchell. Miss Helen Pierce and Miss Bessie Burrell, teachers at Walden, are spending their holiday vacation here. John Allen of Schuyler Lake has been visiting his brother, I. H. Allen, and family. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Champney are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Postle. Merle Smith is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith. His furlough has been extended for a few days.

MT. VISION VISTAS.

Evangelist Slocum Concludes Services Sunday after Profitable Campaign.

Mr. Vision, Dec. 27. — Evangelist Slocum concluded his evangelistic services here Sunday night with a powerful sermon. Mr. Slocum has done much good here and his departure on Monday was much regretted.

Loses Pet Horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gardner came to this village Friday, driving a pet horse. On their way back, the animal fell and was so badly injured that it was put out of its misery by being shot.

Methodist Winter Picnic.

The Methodist Sunday school will hold a winter picnic in the church parlors Saturday. All members of the church and congregation are invited to attend. All bring something for dinner.

Late News Notes.

The meetings in the church will be held as usual throughout the week. — A grange meeting will be held Friday evening, Dec. 28. — Mrs. Della Spoor is displaying a service flag in honor of her grandson, Lieutenant Clyde Bliss. — Mrs. Margaret Keyes is very ill. — Miss Lena Wright is home from New Rochelle for the holidays. — Miss Amelia Smith, who has a position in Ithaca, is at her home here.

WORD FROM WESTFORD.

Westford, Dec. 27. — The Misses Maude McRorie and Irene Hall, who are engaged in teaching on Long Island, and Emma Roseboom of the High school faculty of Cortland are spending the holidays at their homes here. — There were very pleasing Christmas exercises at our school last Friday afternoon and they were repeated Monday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church with a supper in the hall for the members of both Sunday schools. — Mrs. C. E. McRorie spent the week-end with relatives near Utica and attended the funeral of a nephew. — Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lynes and little daughter of Delanson spent

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

PATRIOTIC DELHI MEETING.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Russell of Oneonta Delivers Masterful Address.

Delhi, Dec. 27. — An address was delivered last evening in the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. J. C. Russell of Oneonta. It was a masterly effort, showing in the clearest manner, the causes of the war, why we are in the war, and the way out. Music was furnished by a quartet, consisting of Prof. S. S. Kilkeny, Bruce Kilpatrick, Mrs. M. O. Landon and Mrs. F. W. Youmans.

Bullet Shatters Leg.

Wade Alexander, colored, was examining a loaded gun this morning when it was accidentally discharged. The shot entered the leg of Walter Bennett, age 19, a stepson. The bullet lodged between the knee and ankle, completely shattering the bone. Dr. C. R. Woods was summoned and upon arriving at the scene soon determined that amputation was necessary. He sent for Dr. Ormiston, and together the operation was performed. The patient is as comfortable as could be expected.

Reappointed Superintendent Highways.

The board of supervisors has reappointed Alton L. VanTassel of Treadwell, county superintendent of highways.

CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. E. LYNES.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Snyder of Hartwick were guests of Mrs. Snyder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wright, from Sunday till Tuesday. The Garlock farm has been sold to a Mr. Holloway of New Mexico. — A. J. Skinner has rented his farm and will have an auction soon. He is looking for a suitable place to move his family. — Mrs. E. Acker is ill and under the care of Dr. Burdick of Maryland.

WANTED FROM WORCESTER.

Third Number on Lecture Course Postponed to January 24.

Worcester, Dec. 27. — The third number on the Community Entertainment course to have been given by the Saxionians, has been necessarily postponed from December 28 to January 24, owing to the illness of one member of the company.

Called to Camden.

W. H. Bingham and mother, Mrs. A. J. Bingham, were called to Camden, N. J., this week on account of the illness and death of the latter's brother, John Hill, who has visited this village many times.

Briefly Told.

Mrs. Lewis M. Wade, who has been spending the past few months at Saranac lake, is at home for a short time until after the holidays. — Privates Everett Galer and DeForest Rossman of the First New York Ambulance corps, encamped at Spartanburg, S. C., returned to their duties on Christmas, after enjoying a fifteen days' furlough with the home folks. — Prof. Andrew S. Sloan of Newark, N. J., and Misses Carrie Judd, Bessie Wright, Geraldine Dikeman and Edna Peters are some of Worcester's young people who are enjoying the holiday vacation from their school duties at their respective homes in town. — Mr. and Mrs. William Wustof and little daughter of Endicott are guests at M. J. Preston's. — Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Diefendorf of Oneonta were guests of friends in town today. — C. E. Holmes of Oneonta was a caller here today. — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughn of Delhi are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Vaughn.

MIDDLEFIELD CENTER.

Middlefield Center, Dec. 27. — The village school closed on Friday for the holiday vacation. — Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham left on Saturday for Binghamton to visit relatives. — Miss Adeline Huntington is home from her school duties in Pennsylvania. — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham attended the funeral of Marshall Hubble, at Middlefield, on Saturday. — Miss Elsie Wood, who teaches school in Bainbridge, came on Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Wood, during the holidays. — Howard Cunningham, who has been spending a few weeks in Chicago, Ill., returned to his home on Saturday. — Mrs. J. M. Head and niece, Grace VanDeusen, spent Wednesday with relatives in Cooperstown. Miss Grace will visit her parents in Oneonta before returning home. — Mrs. Moore, who has been working for Mrs. B. L. Gates for a few weeks, has returned to her home in Cooperstown.

among the number being the Levi Stillson farm, one of the largest and finest properties in town, which has been sold to Warren W. Pierson of Marion, Indiana. This was formerly the Henry Edwards place and contains over 300 acres. The sale includes stock and all personal property. Possession April first. To price is not made public but is said to be an attractive figure.

Play for Red Cross.

The proceeds of the film play "The Iced Bullet," given at Masonic hall Saturday evening were over eleven dollars and the entire proceeds went for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Meetings—Elections—Bake Sales.

The Franklin W. C. T. U. will hold a bake sale Saturday afternoon and evening, the proceeds to be used in war relief work.

The annual communication and election of officers of Franklin lodge, No. 582, F. & A. M., was held this week Wednesday evening. The installation of officers of Outpost chapter will be held Tuesday evening January 1.

"The Little Liar," at Masonic hall, December 29. Jimmie Bludsoe, January 2.

There will be an entertainment for the benefit of the Home Soldiers, Comfort committee and the Red Cross, this week Friday evening, at Masonic Hall.

Real Estate Matters.

Edgar Jester has rented his farm, stock and tools to Winfield Stillson of Treadwell. Possession January 1. Mr. Jester reserves two or three rooms for his own use.

Charles Signor has purchased George H. Hiller's house in this village, corner Main and Wakeman avenue, and will move to the same when he takes possession of his farm February 1.

Franklin Personalities.

E. A. Mackey has returned from Clifton Springs, greatly improved in health and has resumed his law practice. — David Gladstone and family were with Walton friends for Christmas. — W. C. Cole left this week Thursday for New York and Brooklyn for a couple of weeks' visit. — William Parsons and wife of New York spent Christmas with his father, Edwin Parsons. — Miss Lottie Wiley of Oneonta spent Christmas with her mother in Franklin. — W. F. Phelps has been elected a member of the town board of education in place of B. J. Warner, resigned.

SENT FROM STAMFORD.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of Logan Post, G. A. R.

Stamford, Dec. 27. — The annual meeting of the members of John Logan post, G. A. R., was held at the post rooms on Tuesday night. M. S. Keator of Roxbury was elected commander of the Post for the ensuing year.

J. C. VanDyke Confined to House.

A severe attack of neuritis has confined J. C. VanDyke to the house for several days past. It is hoped that his condition will improve.

Valued Christmas Presents Arrives.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hanford of Albany on Christmas morning, at the Brady Maternity hospital. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Water Company Declares Dividend.

A meeting of the directors of the Stamford Water company was held at the residence of E. C. Hanford, treasurer, on Wednesday evening and on vote of the directors present, a dividend of four per cent on the capital stock of the company was declared, payable January 15, 1918, to stockholders of record.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Tree and Entertainment at North Kortright—Other Events.

North Kortright, Dec. 27. — Christmas was well observed here. On Sunday, Rev. R. R. Irwin preached an appropriate Christmas sermon. Monday evening, at the manse, there was a tree for the children and a pleasing entertainment, consisting of songs and recitations, after which gifts were distributed by Santa Claus and his wife, impersonated by Ralph Harper and Margaret Irwin. Mrs. G. R. Davis, the church organist, was presented with a beautiful cut glass dish. Cake and ice cream were served.

The Woman's Missionary society remembered a number of shut-ins with pretty baskets filled with fruit and candy.

Buys Henderson Homestead.

Leslie Watrous has purchased from J. R. Henderson, the Henderson homestead, where he and his bride have commenced housekeeping.

Death of William Squires.

William Squires, a well-known Kortright resident who had many friends in this locality, died Friday after a long illness from pulmonary consumption.

FARMERS' EXCHANGE

Auction Sale

Every Saturday

AT 1:00 P. M.

At C. C. Conner's

RIVER STREET OTEGO, N. Y.

Horses, Cattle, Wagons, Sleighs, Harness — anything brought in — sold on a 5% commission.

Carload of Wagons

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

tion. The funeral and burial took place Monday at Bloomville. His wife survives, also three daughters, Belle, Fanny, and Edith, the young ladies all being teachers.

Played March at Four Weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Davis were among the guests at the Townsend-Jones wedding. Mrs. Davis played Mendelssohn's wedding march, having played this same march at the marriage of each of the bride's three sisters.

Secures Employment in Ithaca.

Edgar Stronigan has taken employment in the Remington Arms factory at Ithaca.

Taking Treatment For Asthma.

F. F. VanDusen, who has been a sufferer from asthma for years and has tried various remedies without permanent benefit, is now taking a course of treatments with Dr. Apthorpe of Oneonta, which all hope may prove beneficial.

Enlarging His Dairy.

J. S. Scott has bought seven more cows and expects to milk about 40 the coming season.

TIMELY TREADWELL TOPICS.

Treadwell, Dec. 27. — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hunt went Saturday to East Meredith to attend a golden wedding, from there to Great Neck, L. I., where they spent Christmas with relatives. — Mrs. D. O'Donnell has gone to Walton to spend some weeks with her daughter. — Mrs. Harry G. Munn and son are spending a few days in Binghamton. — Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Kellogg entertained a few friends at dinner on Christmas day. — Mrs. William Webb and niece, Letha McMullin of Cortland, are at J. H. Graham's. — Misses Elizabeth and Jessie Lawson of Rockville Center and Hempstead, L. I., are at Mrs. William Lawson's. — Mrs. Charles F. Kellogg and Miss Marion Wheat were shoppers in Franklin Friday afternoon. — George Jennings is very poorly. — William Barlow of Barryville is spending a few days with his family in town. — Misses Mina Stockman, Ethel Biederman and Marjorie Greene, students at Franklin High school, are spending their vacation at their homes. — George C. Wilson of Syracuse is with his family at J. E. Oliver's. — A collection amounting to \$53 was taken at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening for the Armenian-Syrian relief. — Miss Beryl White of Hamden is a visitor in town. — Henry Jester and family entertained friends and relatives Christmas day. — Charles Stoutenburg of Hancock is in town. — Mrs. Ella Clarke of Endicott has been a recent visitor at Mrs. George Davidson's. — Arthur Dumond of the Walton school is at home for a time. — Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bell of Barryville are at S. R. Bell's. — Miss Bertha Hunt is spending her vacation in Unadilla.

SIDNEY CENTER SITINGS.

Sidney Center, Dec. 27. — A watch night service will be held in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage next Monday evening at 9 o'clock. A special program has been arranged with Rev. Mr. Dennison of Walton as the principal speaker. — Christmas exercises were held in both churches last Monday evening and excellent programs were given by the children. The collection for the Armenian fund in the Methodist Episcopal church amounted to \$12.00. — The annual installation of officers of Maywood grange will occur on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8. — Among teachers and students who are home for the holidays are: Miss Marion Bowman, teaching at Ossining; Miss Grace Wheat, Youngstown, O.; Miss Mary Jane Wheat, Cuba; Miss Lucy Ingalls, Tacoma; Miss Ruth Vandervort, Mt. Upton; Erwin Jenkins and Harry Sutton, Cornell university; Miss Madeline Moody, the Oneonta Normal; Emerson Broese, Wesleyan university; and George Sloan of Verona High school. — Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson and son, Lyle of Walton, and Mr. and Mrs. Warner Dunshee and two children of Oneonta are guests of F. B. Anderson. — Mrs. Earl Marrett and daughter, Chastina, of Sidney are at J. H. Vandervort's. — Nelson Mulley of Port Jervis is visiting.

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TAKING OVER THE RAILROADS.
A long-anticipated event, and one of great importance in the transportation plans of the United States, was the taking over by the government of the entire railway transportation system of the country. Announced on Wednesday, it takes effect today, and from this time at least until the close of the war there is no doubt that the roads will have only one general head. Cars will be run not as independent elements and without reference to the general good, but as part of a general, well-considered plan, the purpose of which will be to secure the greatest efficiency in operation, and the greatest good to the greatest number.
Points to be noted in the government operation of railways are that the individual operation of lines will not be disturbed unless there appears to be good reason for it; that the rights and interests of investors in securities of the lines will be scrupulously safeguarded; the government guaranteeing to the roads a net income equal to the average for the past three years; and that the roads will be kept in good repair and the equipment kept up at least to the standard of the day when it is taken over.
These are all important points, and their plain affirmation by the government will be of interest. There is no tendency on the part of our government to confiscate this property, but there is a desire to receive from it a full measure of efficient service. This the present plan is destined to give.
There is another thing which by government control is assured. It is important that there should be no controversies between employees and employed, no tying up of transportation facilities, no starving or freezing people at home or any soldiers without food or munitions abroad on account of them. When the roads came this morning into the control of the government, each employee of the roads became an employee of the government, and there will therefore be no strikes to contend with. If the employees of the companies have right on their sides, there will be no question that the national administrator will meet their demands. If there is not, there will be no tying up.
The things likely to vex the administrator will come at the end of the war, when the time comes to surrender the roads to their owners. One is the matter of physical valuation, and whether the equipment is better or worse than when taken over. The other is their surrender at all, since there will certainly be certain communists and socialists who will hold that the government should continue to maintain the properties for the good of the people as a whole. As for the former it will be a matter of appraisal, and should be reached exactly if not immediately. The other is perhaps less troublesome, since it is not probable that state ownership of railways has as yet reached a point of serious consideration.

COUNTY TAX IN CITY LEVIED.
Amount Levied in City is Increased to \$39,829.31.
There is an increase in the amount of the county tax as reported to the city as its share, the total amount as certified to the city being \$39,829.31. At an adjourned regular meeting of the common council held last evening at which all members but Mr. Webb were present this amount was ordered levied and assessed upon the taxable property in the city.
The funds required for the county are as follows:
County Expenses 29,812.44
Poor in Almshouse 2,118.11
Poor in Orphanage 2,704.77
Lunacy Commissions 330.00
City Election Expenses 91.44
Total \$35,056.76
To this must be added the city's share of the highway expenses of the county of \$4,772.55, which brings the total amount to \$39,829.31.
Chairman Lauren of the finance committee reported that the fire commission had decided that it would be impossible for it to provide for a driver for the ambulance within the appropriation made for that department and he suggested that a janitor be secured for the municipal building who is qualified to drive the ambulance when needed. The members expressed their entire satisfaction with the present janitor but several said that they saw no way out of the dilemma but to secure a janitor who would also drive the ambulance. The subject was finally referred to the finance committee with power to act.
Bills for current expenses including \$30 for counting the votes of the soldiers in the city were audited and ordered paid. The council then adjourned for the year.
Supervisors to Organize.
A special meeting of the board of supervisors has been called to meet at the court house in Cooperstown on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of organizing the new board for the work of the year. There are 10 new members of the board, an unusually large number in this county.

CURRENT COMMENT
Backward and Uncultured.
A dozen years ago, Japan, called by the Kaiser a "yellow peril," and Russia, a backward nation not claiming culture, had a war in which neither stooped to unlawful cruelties. Germany, favorite of Heaven, also according to the Kaiser, introduced poison gas, the murder of non-combatants and helpless prisoners and usages of throat-cutting frightfulness, to which an American sentinel has now succumbed. This leaves scores to settle.—[New York World.]

Teaching Children to Raise Pigs.
As a means of helping to increase the pork supply, the United States Department of Agriculture has just released to the motion picture theaters, through one of the large motion picture companies, a film showing the work of the boys' pig clubs which the department is organizing in all parts of the country in cooperation with the extension divisions of the state agricultural colleges. The film shows methods of instructing farm boys, and in some instances girls, who have joined the agricultural clubs, how to raise better pigs and the methods used by club members in carrying out instructions.—[Utica Press.]

The Lord of Creation.
Probably it will not disconcert the Kaiser in the least, but the fact appears to be that American theologians are unanimously opposed to his theory that the Lord of Creation is "an avowed and unconditional ally" of Prussianism. If there had been any arrangement of that kind the Battles of the Marne and Verdun would have had a different ending.—[New York World.]

The Midnight Oil.
Washington hotel proprietors are going to stop the burning of after midnight oil, or electricity. They have notified their guests that lights must be out at midnight. This will be a hardship for a few night workers and the order may make several individuals go to bed earlier than usual.—[Exchange.]

Potential Profit in Sheep.
The great argument in favor of raising more sheep in this country is because of the increased demand for wool. There are just as many woolen clothes used now as ever, and indeed more, because there are more people. The war has made an exceptionally large demand for woolen blankets. Hence the advance in price, and hence the potential profit for those who raise sheep.—[Utica Press.]

Right, in a Different Way.
General von Ludendorff is reported to have said to a group of German newspapermen who visited German army headquarters: "Do not write too much about peace. Only victory can lead to peace." Such utterance at once discredits the peace proposals which are said to have emanated from the German government. Ludendorff is right, but not in the way that he had in mind. It is true that only victory can lead to peace, but the victory will be won by the Allies and the United States.—[Albany Journal.]

Revenue Stamps Upon Deeds.
The county clerk, Robert O. Marshall, has received the following ruling from the Internal Revenue department, which statement is dated December 24, 1917, relative to stamps upon deeds.
"Under the act of October 22, 1914, the commissioner of Internal Revenue ruled that where a purchase money mortgage was given as part payment of the amount of the mortgage could be deducted in computing tax on the deed, provided the fact that a purchase money mortgage was given was evidenced in the deed. The following decision published under No. 2599 indicates that this ruling will not apply to the tax on deeds imposed under the Act of October 3, 1917.
"Conveyances, deeds, etc.—On an instrument conveying real estate there should be attached a tax stamp of the face value corresponding with the face value representing the vendor's equity conveyed. Where an exchange of equal equities in real estate is made between two persons a stamp tax should be attached to each of the two deeds corresponding with the amount of each equity exchanged. In determining the amount of incumbrance upon real estate being transferred, no consideration is to be given to new incumbrances placed upon the same at the time of, or after, the sale. Only incumbrances which rest upon the property before the sale are to be taken into consideration."

Red Cross Notes.
Mrs. B. C. Packer, chairman of the wrapping committee of the Oneonta chapter of the Red Cross, announces that there is need of old linen for wrapping. The pieces should be of a size to cut 16x16, 18x18 and 20x20 inches. The gift of linen for this purpose would greatly be appreciated.
Yesterday afternoon 15 young girls, students of school and college at home for vacation, assembled at the Red Cross rooms and as a result of their labors turned in 275 compresses and 60 gauze sponges.
Unadilla branch has just sent in a liberal box of supplies, containing 13 sweaters, 43 pair socks, 24 pair wristlets, 14 mufflers, 9 pajamas, 12 bed shirts, 2 pairs bed socks, 16 handkerchiefs, 18 napkins, 12 wash cloths, 4 pillow cases, 3 tray cloths, 1 hot water bottle cover, 200 gauze compresses 4x4, 60 compresses 6x6, and 400 gauze sponges.
From Laurens branch the chapter has received 2 bed shirts, 2 twilled bed shirts, 1 dozen head bandages, and 10 pair bed socks.
Recent donations in money have been received as follows: Carol Stewart, \$1; a friend, 50c; Ava Jenks, \$1.
Service Flag.
Mrs. Hennessy of Chestnut street has a service flag in honor of Edward McDonough, located at Camp Dix, and Leo Bramley, deceased.

FLYNN STATES HIS PURPOSE.
Sponsors a Motion Picture Exposing German Intrigue.
William F. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, is standing sponsor for an important serial photodramatic production called "The Eagle's Eye," now being made by the Whartons, intended to give the public a most comprehensive exposure in motion pictures of the plots and crimes of the imperial German spy system in this country.
In a statement issued as to his purpose and aims in formulating this story and lending his name to its production in pictures, Chief Flynn said that his object is to inspire patriotism and foster loyalty to the United States government; to impress on citizens of every race and creed the importance of standing by the President in this, the most trying hour the American nation has ever known; to encourage enlistment in the United States army and navy and establish the fact that conscription is absolutely necessary to the safety of the country; to encourage purchases of Liberty bonds and financial aid to the Red Cross, and, finally, to do all possible to convince doubtful ones that universal democracy is essential to the peace and prosperity of the entire world.
"Propaganda in behalf of these objects," said Chief Flynn, "has been shown to be necessary. The people are entitled to a full knowledge of the imperial German government's crime against America. Motion pictures present a most powerful and novel medium to this end. The events depicted in my story treat of closed and concluded cases and deal with facts not hitherto made known, which are interwoven with a romantic fictional story to present them in an entertaining and interesting manner.
"It is my hope that everyone will be afforded the opportunity of learning from the screen the serious menace which confronts this country in the insidious spy organization of the enemy now existing in our midst. If this result be accomplished my object will be attained, for every true American with a knowledge of the facts will stand by the flag, and mothers, wives and sweethearts will gladly give up their men folk to aid in meeting the grave crisis which now confronts our government."

Letters from France.
The Paris correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle cables that the entire postal service there is badly clogged, due to military reasons, and that friends of American soldiers should not worry because letters are not received from them. By way of further reassurance he adds: "It can be said on good authority that so far not a life has been lost in crossing the Atlantic en route to France.—[Springfield Republican.]

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MANY CHILDREN MADE HAPPY.
Salvation Army Christmas Exercises Held Last Evening.
The Salvation Army Christmas exercises, with a tree, were held in the headquarters, 31 Broad street, last evening. The rooms were packed to overflowing with members of the Sunday school and their parents. Junior Sergeant Major E. Jones had charge of the exercises and saw that everybody was made happy.
A program of recitations and vocal and instrumental solos was well rendered during the evening. Before departing, each member of the Sunday school was loaded down with useful gifts. The occasion will long be remembered by the happy youngsters.
A gloom was cast over the assemblage when it was announced that Ensign and Mrs. Charles Clifford were unable to be present, the former having caught a severe cold during the Christmas campaign for dinners for the poor. A supper for the children will be given at some future date it was announced.
Banquet to B. F. VanZandt.
Hon. George L. Boeckes and H. D. McLaury esq. attended a farewell banquet given at Maryland last night by friends and neighbors to Benjamin F. VanZandt, who is at once to remove to Cooperstown to assume the office of sheriff, to which he was elected last November.

OFFICERS ELECTED.
Centennial Lodge, I. O. O. F.
At the last regular meeting of Centennial lodge, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:
Noble Grand—John Raney.
Vice Grand—A. G. Whitman.
Recording Secretary—Ellis V. Brown.
Treasurer—Charles Mereness.
Financial Secretary—E. C. Harrington.
Musician—Thurlow A. Smith.
Trustee for three years—J. Henry Potter.
The Flight of Newspapers.
All over New England newspapers are marking up their subscription price. Within a short time three in New Hampshire which were rated as good publications have gone out of business. The mounting cost of everything pertaining to a newspaper made it impossible for them to do business at a profit. The effect of high prices is felt in every other newspaper office. In many cases it seems impracticable to increase the cost of subscriptions and advertising to keep pace with the costs, and the only thing the publisher can do is to cut the corners a little sharper and to work harder than ever before.—[Brattleboro Reformer.]
A Three Months' subscription to The Star for \$1.00.

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An Enthusiastic Interest in This After-Christmas Clearance Sale
These are days of constant activity at this big store, there are hundreds of lots of seasonal merchandise in this clearance sale at less than the regular prices—many less than half the price. Interest for all—especially for those who welcome the opportunity for saving money.

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Women's and Misses' \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits	\$12.50
Women's and Misses' \$30.00 and \$35.00 Suits	\$17.50

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\$4.00 Trimmed Hats	\$1.95
\$5.00 Trimmed Hats	\$2.50
\$9.00 Trimmed Hats	\$4.50

RONAN BROS.

'Twas a Good Old Hat Just the Same
Once or twice in a while you get a hat you hate to give up. After it is clean dilapidated it still hangs on the old nail because there are so many times you can still wear it and keep your old friend with you. Ever think of that when you're buying the hat? Think of it this time and let us spend enough time fitting you and suiting you so that you'll get a hat you can live with.

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LOCAL MENTION.

—The annual sale of city property by the chamberlain for unpaid taxes is to be held Saturday morning at the municipal building.

—Mrs. Daniel L. Barlow of 44 Valleyview street fell Monday night on the corner of Fifth and Main streets and broke her leg in two places.

—A slight freight wreck, resulting in the derailment of a car of two early Thursday morning at East Worcester, delayed the arrival of the south bound sleeper until about five o'clock that morning.

—There seems to some extent an erroneous impression abroad that the Red Cross carnival this evening is to be a formal affair. This is not the case. Patrons can wear what they please, dress or business suit, and all will be welcomed.

—Special Car 50, on the D. & H., passed over the line south from Oneonta, yesterday morning, bound for Carbondale. On the car was General Superintendent of Transportation Dickson, who was accompanied from Oneonta by Superintendent McNeillie and Trainmaster Gargan of the Susquehanna division.

—There will be amusement a plenty for all who attend the Red Cross benefit and there will be no embarrassment for those who do not wish to contribute at the various booths and features. None should stay away for fear of any soliciting that will prove the least annoying. The aim is to secure a large attendance and ample provision is made for the entertainment of those who do not choose to make additional contributions.

CALLED BY GOVERNMENT.

Prof. Hayes Summoned to Leave Swarthmore and Complete Device.

Relative to the device which Prof. Harvey C. Hayes, formerly of Oneonta and son of W. H. Hayes of 4 Burnside avenue, submitted to the federal government, of which reference was made in The Star of yesterday, a recent issue of the Public Ledger of Philadelphia says:

Experimenting for a year with an invention aiming at the destruction of submarines, Prof. Harvey C. Hayes, head of the physics department of Swarthmore college, has been so successful that he has received a call from the United States government to enter the national service. He refused yesterday to discuss particulars of his new venture, adding that he has been forbidden to disclose the location of the laboratory where he is to continue his research work.

Professor Hayes will be joined by five other physicists from the best universities and laboratories in the country in the government research work. They will commence on January 1. Professor Hayes expects to be engaged in this service for a year at least, and it is unlikely that he will return to Swarthmore at the opening of the next term in September. His family will accompany him to the site of the laboratory.

Professor Hayes was in his fourth year as a member of the faculty of Swarthmore college. Previous to his service in the physics department he was an instructor in research work at Harvard, where he took his doctor's degree. The vacancy caused by Professor Hayes' withdrawal from Swarthmore will be filled by W. O. Sawtell of Haverford college, who has been an assistant professor of physics at that institution.

Meetings Today.

The December birthday social of the First Baptist church will be held with Mrs. D. H. Woodward, No. 4, Gile avenue, this afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Please come prepared to sew on Red Cross material.

Oneonta circle, 248, P. H. C. will meet this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society of the United Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Heuther, 17 Luther street, this afternoon at 2:30.

Oneonta legion, No. 153, N. P. L., in E. of P. hall, at 7:30 o'clock. The children of the primary and junior departments of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold their Christmas party this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A miscellaneous program will be given by the children. The parents are most cordially invited to attend.

Oneonta camp, No. 22, Order of the Golden Seal, at 8 o'clock, in I. O. O. F. hall, Chestnut street.

Piano Player at Auction.

I will sell on Dec. 29, 1917, at 1 p. m., at public auction, at the cafe of Mohr Bros. of Oneonta, a Peerless player. Terms cash. C. F. Winslow. advt 5t

The Hotel Oneonta wishes to announce that the dinner on New Year's day, will be served from 6 to 9 p. m., music and dancing, \$1.50 a plate. advt 4t

Salfin & VanCleft are offering great bargains in trimmed hats. Come in and see our \$1.95 and \$2.50 hats. advt 2t

Lost—Small crocheted bag with old rose lining. Finder please return to Mrs. Canning, 256 Main street. advt 1t

Bliva the ideal tea for all. Its as good a drink as was ever served in Japan. advt 1t

Wanted—Storage batteries to store for winter, repair or charge. The "Right" garage. advt 1t

Fresh bullheads at the Dairy Lunch today. advt 1t

376 Wright's taxi. advt 1t

BUSY DAY FOR LOCAL BOARD

Classification Complete in 115 Cases—
Board Asks Whereabouts of Men
Not Found by Post Office.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Under Jurisdiction of Local Board
Whose Order Numbers are Be-
tween 1001 and 1100 Inclusive.

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

The past two days have been busy ones for the local board, classification being accomplished in 115 cases. No claim was made by the following men and they will go in Class 1: Henry Kay Kendall, Lynn Crawford, Jesse W. Collier, Gilbert L. Bushnell, Frederick P. Liedke, Malco Yarrla, Russell E. Irish, Jesse Roe, Theodore E. Loomis, Leon Gardner, George L. Houtz, Janarino Giovanni, Fred Benjamin, Leonard Sullivan, George I. Adkins, Fred L. Hungerford. The claims of the following were denied and they were placed in Class 1: Ellis W. Tiffany, Arthur N. Stockley, Lee A. Wolcott, Claude H. Whiting, Charles W. Weed. The claims of Ora E. Bedford, Lynn H. Bresee, John H. Woodward, Robert W. Nichols, Eugene C. Alger and Harry J. Leelon to go to Class 5 because of physical disability were denied and they were placed in Class 4 on the grounds of dependency. Francis J. McGuinness, Monsur Koury, Arthur Day, George L. Trainor and Floyd H. Tiffany were placed in the third group. The following were placed in Classes 2 and 4: Scott T. Hubbard, Ray M. Gallup, Carl T. Wilcox.

Valid dependency claims placed the following in Class IV: Elbert J. Price, Charles Smithburg, Vernon L. Roberts, Francis E. Wilson, E. Lester Townsend, Harry W. Krom, Robert Warrin, Harry M. Place, Clarence B. Hill, Fred A. Trumbull, Reginald Cundy, Vaughn E. Parmelee, Lewis A. Walters, Charles H. Thomas, Grover E. Calkins, Oran Quick, Otis W. Planck, Harry E. Hawkins, Howard J. Waterman, Philip J. Moore, Charles T. Vaughn, Frank P. McCloskey, Aubrey W. Saxe, Ralph N. Allen, James W. Callen, Lewis W. Hodges, Raymond G. Tilley, Garfield Smith, Louis H. Driggs, Judson G. Abbott, Arthur C. Dibble, Julian B. Jackson, Leonard Cooper, Burdett G. Shuttles, Halsey L. Palmer, Harry L. Radall, Lodovico L. Lockwood, Raymond F. Hogan, Hammond B. Parish, Earl S. Thurston, Harry D. West, John F. Lange, Herbert Barnes, Michael Rupp, Neil F. Lasher, Charles L. Hubbard, Floyd W. Lum, Charles E. Chamberlain, Benjamin J. Wilber, George L. Bidwell, Lewis S. Joyce, Lynn Baker, Harry Howland, James F. Jenks, Floyd Wallace, Leonard R. Robinson, Fred L. Bedford, Ford W. Arnold, Jesse L. Wilson, William J. Powers, Frank J. Bovit, Augustus C. Donovan, Seaward G. Germond, Arthur J. Kenyon, Charles A. Napper, Warner Dunshee, George G. Marlette, Alfred Johns, Harry L. Bundy, Harry C. Dyer, Clyde R. Whipple, Clarence W. Christell.

Ralph S. Wyckoff and Worley R. Wood, already in the service, were placed in Class V, as were Joe David, a resident alien; Dorr E. Fritts, a student of divinity, and Roger W. Broholm, physically unfit for service.

Information is requested in regard to the following men, whose questionnaires have been returned from the post office as undeliverable: Maxsem Ermoluk, 2 West End avenue, Oneonta; John Brace, 5 Youngman avenue, Oneonta; Harry Smith, 44 West street, Oneonta; Wellington Livingston, Oneonta town; Ervin Bell, Worcester; William E. VanAlstyne, Milford; Earl Worden, 42 West Broadway, Oneonta; George H. Winne, 17 Dietz street, Oneonta; Edward Odell, 279 Chestnut street, Oneonta; Dominick Gregus, Unadilla; Harry Roe, Schevus; Harry Thomas, 68 West Broadway, Oneonta; Olin Townsend, South New Berlin.

How the Wind Blows.

Brigadier General Penn recently declared that at the end of the war enlisted men will demand prohibition. Ninety-five per cent of all the trouble in the army is due to liquor he affirmed.

Directors of the Minneapolis Athletic club recently voted unanimously to make the club dry for the duration of the war.

At a dinner given by the Gridiron club of Washington at which President Wilson and noted men of the nation were guests, no liquor was served. This was the first dry dinner in the 33 years of the club's existence.

The Pennsylvania State grange recently passed strong resolutions in favor of war-time prohibition. advt 1t

Notice.

The week between Christmas and New Year's is the time of year for everybody to be square with the world, and all the people, therefore I ask everybody that has an account here to settle it by January 1, and oblige, Lavern Palmer, 125 Main street. advt 3t

Here's the Solution.

If you desire to give the husband, son, brother or your "buddy" a gift that he can enjoy and will be satisfactory, send him a box of Stetson cigars. They always please. advt 3t

Notice.

All union barber shops will close at 9:30 p. m. on Saturday nights commencing Dec. 15. advt 6t

Bring your burned or broken stoves grate to the Titchener Culver Iron works and have a new piece cast. Phone 547-W. advt 1t

THE RED CROSS BENEFIT

Great Mid-Winter Social Event This
Evening at Oneonta Hotel—Brief
Summary of Attractions of Unusual
Interest.

The big Red Cross benefit carnival—the mid-winter social event in Oneonta—will take place in the Oneonta hotel tonight and the big show with its varied attractions and amusements is offered for 50 cents.

To make possible an entertainment worth while and an evening of pleasure promised the patrons a number of unselfish men and women devoted a good share of last night toiling in the rooms to complete the details in connection with the carnival.

The midway is a real show—not a fake. Prof. DuBerry who comes to Oneonta especially for this carnival is an acrobat of rare talent and ability. He will put on at frequent intervals a sketch well worth the price of admission and his is one of the free shows. The midway is tastefully decorated and is filled with an entire program of features designed to entertain and instruct. Mr. Fluhner and Mr. Danforth have been giving unselfishly of their time toward the completion of this work. Those who see the results of their efforts can best tell how well they have served the public.

The big dance hall—one which always is a pleasure to dance in—will be a bower of beauty. From the walls will be festooned the American flag and streamers of red, white and blue bunting. The decorating committee of which L. C. Gurney is chairman, has promised the general committee that the room will be superbly decorated.

Arthur Seybolt has charge of the dancing. With the aid of his committee he promises those who enjoy dancing a pleasant evening. While each dance will be five cents, free dances will be had at intervals. Music for dancing will begin shortly after 8 o'clock. And don't forget the cabaret. Under the leadership of Mrs. David H. Mills, the girls assigned to this particular task will render their parts well. A program rich and interesting will be given at frequent intervals. And this also is free.

The tables arranged for the buffet lunch will groan under the heavy load of delicacies. The refreshments will be served in cafeteria style under the direction of Mrs. L. F. Butts.

Another interesting feature not heretofore mentioned is the band of Hungarian gypsies who will tell fortunes and make themselves more or less conspicuous.

The card tables under the direction of Mrs. Smith, furnish an opportunity for pleasure for those who do not enjoy dancing.

The pop-corn and ice-cream booth under the supervision of Miss Charlotte Lunn will be located in the hallway, just as people alight from the elevator. It will be filled with tempting sweets.

Tickets are 50 cents, and every patron will get the worth of his money. It's a worthy cause and should receive liberal support.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

Successful Farce Comedy at Oneonta
Theatre This Evening.

If you want to have an unusual experience, try telling the absolute truth in reply to every question asked you for 24 hours, and then you will be able to more than appreciate Harry Stubbs, the clever comedian, whom Anderson and Weber will present at the Oneonta theatre this evening in James Montgomery's version of Frederick Isham's latest work, "Nothing But the Truth." Mr. Stubbs will be seen as a young stock broker who bets \$10,000, the money belonging to his fiancée, that he will positively tell the truth for 24 hours. He makes the bet with his partners and one of their customers, and from that time on they try to trap him in every conceivable way. But he beats them and turns the money over to his sweet-heart, and all ends happily.

Mr. Stubbs is a well known actor of farce and it is claimed by his managers that this play meets his quiet style of humor better than anything he has ever done before. A capable and carefully selected cast will assist in the merry making.

False Alarm Causes Much Trouble.

A fire alarm was turned in from Box 28, located at the corner of Center and East streets, last evening about 7:40 o'clock, but the mechanism of the box failed to transmit the number correctly so that the firemen were unable to locate the point. After some search, it was found that the alarm had been turned in by a person who said he saw pipes being thrown out of a house and thought there must be a fire.

Thompson-Gardner Laundry Sale.

Announcement is made that the machinery and fixtures of the Thompson-Gardner Laundry company, on Market street, will be sold at auction at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the laundry building. The sale is by virtue of a chattel mortgage held by McFee & Bors, for \$3,500.

If he's a smoker no gift you could possibly make would afford keener satisfaction than a box of Stetson cigars. They are made in all sizes and are sold as cheaply as first class cigars can be. advt 3t

Fashion Shop—New dresses just arrived; bought at bargains, sold at bargains. Silk, serge and evening dresses. 150 Main street. advt 3t

Don't put your car away dirty. Let us clean it right. We get and deliver them. The "Right" garage. advt 1t

Ira S. Sweet, practical bonesetter, at the Windsor, Oneonta, Jan. 1. Eagle, Norwich, Jan. 2. advt 1t

Wanted—Live poultry, 119 River street, B. L. Gates. advt 1t

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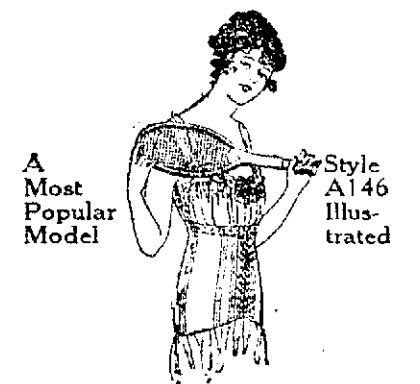
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PERSONALS.

Jerome S. Seacord esq. of Unadilla was in the city yesterday.

Clarence E. Holmes esq. was in Worcester on business yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Lynch was in Binghamton yesterday, returning last evening. E. W. Elmore departed yesterday on a few days' business trip to Buffalo. Miss Bertha Orr of West Oneonta spent Thursday with Sidney friends. Attorney A. G. Patterson of Walton was in Oneonta on legal errands yesterday.

B. F. Sisson departed yesterday for a two days' business trip to Binghamton.

Jon. and Mrs. Charles C. Floesch of Unadilla were callers in the city yesterday.

Miss Helen Clark of this city is spending the week-end with relatives in Albany.

Mrs. C. H. Gorton spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Enderlin, in Roxbury.

Attorney Charles R. O'Connor of Hobart was in the city yesterday on legal errands.

The Misses Irene and Marlan Hotchkiss are spending a few days with relatives at Unadilla.

Mrs. Bert Bennett and Mrs. Guy Palmer of Maryland were business callers in Oneonta yesterday.

Mrs. D. B. Gardner of 2 Gardner place is spending the week-end with friends in South New Berlin.

Mrs. E. P. Collier of 313 Chestnut street is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Schwin, in Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. Mildred Brand of West Laurens was in Oneonta yesterday on her way to visit friends in Dover, N. J.

Rev. E. O. Fuller and mother of Acton were guests yesterday of Mrs. Mary Wilber, 2 Gardner place.

Mrs. Ormond Dixon and daughter, Dorothy of Schenectady, are visiting Mrs. L. J. Aldrich, 4 Potter avenue.

Mrs. Ira Alsford has returned home after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hall, in Delanson.

Mrs. S. L. Barnes of Binghamton, who had been the guest of her father, John Orr, at West Oneonta, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. F. J. May of Scranton, Pa., who had been a guest of her son, Charles, at 24 High street, returned home Thursday.

Miss Mary Hotelling of Laurens was in Oneonta yesterday, on her way to Albany, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Jacob Vanderloo.

Miss Loretta Layman has gone to Schenectady to spend the holidays with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Thompkins.

Edward A. Parks of Chicago, Ill., and Sumner W. Parks of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their mother, Mrs. S. W. Parks, 2 Union street.

Mrs. Charles A. Griggs of Gallupville, who had been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Dewitt C. Griggs, 32 Otsego street, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. W. F. Hammond of Delancey returned home yesterday, after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Charles Shaw, 23 Burnside avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Doughter of Green Island returned home Thursday after a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. House, 24 Luther street.

Mrs. M. Rupp and son, Edward, and Mrs. M. Govern of this city left yesterday for Scranton, Pa., where they will be guests of the latter's son, Edward Govern.

The Misses Katherine and Marjorie Pierce of Stamford, who had been guests of Mrs. W. J. Rowland, 64 Dietz street, left yesterday for a further sojourn in Cobleskill.

Mrs. Blanche Baldwin, instructor in the Lowell Business school at Binghamton, returned to that city Thursday after a visit with her father, Leroy Rifenbark, at Colliers.

H. R. Empet of Sidney, who is spending a five days' furlough in this vicinity, departed yesterday for Camp Kemp, near Rochester, after a visit with his sister, Mrs. F. Smith of Oneonta.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fay and Miss Pauline Whitehead of this city departed yesterday for New York city, where they will be guests for several days of Professor Randolph Somerville.

Miss Emma Bates, who had been spending a part of the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Wallace Bates, returned yesterday to New York. Mrs. Bates accompanies her for a sojourn of a month or more.

Prof. George W. Lyon of Pittsburgh, Pa., who has been spending the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. E. Lyon of this city, departed yesterday for a brief sojourn in Albany before returning to his school duties.

Sergeants Frank McFee and Herman Pearsall of Company G of the State Guard at Croton lake, who had been spending Christmas at their home in this city, returned yesterday to their duties on the great New York watershed.

Mrs. Herbert A. Lewis and son, Wirt, returned last evening from Richmondville, where they had been visiting since Christmas. Mr. Lewis spent Christmas day with them at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, but returned on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Miller left Oneonta yesterday for a two months' sojourn on the Pacific coast. At San Francisco they will be met by Mrs. Miller's brother, George W. Lewis, and the latter's wife, and the party will motor down the coast to Los Angeles.

Wanted—A good man for retail milk wagon. Best of references required. Oneonta Dairy company. advt. 17

Overland Roadster, good condition, extra tire, \$100.00. Royer side car, nearly new. C. M. Ives, Davenport. advt. 17

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. C. JOHNSON

Largely Attended Yesterday Afternoon At Elm Park Methodist Church.

Prayer service for Roxella M. wife of Rev. J. C. Johnson, was held at her late home, 91 West street, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. B. M. Johns, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church offered the prayer, and afterwards the funeral was held at the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Johnson is pastor. There was a large attendance of friends, whose presence testified their love and sympathy, as did also the many beautiful floral tributes. Among the latter, besides those from the family, relatives and friends, was a beautiful offering from the Elm Park church, an appropriate wreath from the headquarters company of the State Guard at Croton Lake, where her son, Sergeant Melville Johnson, is stationed, and one of exceptional beauty from the neighbors and friends in the immediate vicinity of her home.

The service at the church began with a hymn, "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping," by the Elm Park choir, and was followed by the scripture lesson by Dr. Martin, prayer by Rev. R. S. Boyce of Schenectady, and the singing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," by Mr. and Mrs. Boyce. Addresses of exceptional interest and all expressive of the worth and work of the departed, were made by Rev. Henry R. Gifford, Rev. S. A. Terry, District Supt. E. A. Martin and Rev. R. M. Johns, after which Rev. R. S. Boyce sang "Home of the Soul" as a closing number, and the body was taken to the Plains mausoleum, where it was placed in the vault for interment later in the cemetery. The bearers were O. A. Hubbell, W. D. Butler, S. A. Shepherd, Mantel Shuttles, Henry Peet and Luther Orr, all members of the Elm Park church.

Among those present from out of the city were Rev. William Ezra Vandermark of Cambridge, Mass., C. D. Johnson and wife of Cooperstown, Melville D. Johnson of Croton Lake, Frank Stever of Newark Valley and Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Boyce and Rev. Tillapaugh of Schenectady.

Mr. Johnson and family desire to thank their numerous friends for assistance rendered and for the many floral tributes which told so fully the sympathy felt in their great bereavement.

Assisting Claims Department.

Ellery G. Tripp, agent for the National Express company, here, is now assisting the claims department at the offices in Albany and W. D. Calkins, formerly cashier here, is acting agent for the company in charge of the business here. Succeeding Mr. Calkins, temporarily at least, as cashier, is William Stawson, formerly clerk in the office here. Mr. Tripp proved a very capable agent and while his friends would congratulate him upon his merited advancement, should the new position prove permanent, and would heartily welcome Mr. Calkins, who is perhaps equally competent, yet the going of Mr. Tripp would be regretted.

Four Generations Represented.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Howard of 35 River street entertained the following guests Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. Colt A. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Mervale H. Howard and two children, Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierson, Harry, Dorothy and Howard Pierson, Sayre, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelley, Oneonta. Four generations of the Howard family were represented, the oldest being Mr. Howard's father, E. B. Howard, aged 91 years, and the youngest, granddaughter, Delores Beverly Howard, aged four months.

Mrs. Coggeshall Resting Comfortably.

Mrs. L. L. Coggeshall, who sustained a bad fall on Wednesday evening, injuring one leg, is resting comfortably at this writing and is doing as well as can be expected.

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All persons wishing reservations for the New Years dinner at the Y. M. C. A. please notify Mrs. E. J. House, 951-J. advt. 27

376 Wright's delivery. advt. 17

DEATHS.

Ephraim Burnside.

Laurens, Dec. 27.—Ephraim Burnside, a venerable citizen of the county of Otsego and a life-long resident, died this afternoon at his home in Laurens. He was born in the town of Otsego, August 2, 1838, and was married July 10, 1863, to Melissa Appleby, who survives him. He leaves also four children—Ambrose E. Burnside of Parwell, Mich., Mabel E. Burnside of Boston, Mass., Claude E. Burnside of Otsego, and Mrs. Lenora E. Rider of Oneonta; also a sister, Mrs. Luella B. Clarke of Oneonta, and a brother, William Burnside of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Burnside was a much-respected man and long a resident of the town of Milford. He was a veteran of the Civil war, being a member of Company C, First New York engineers. For one term he was superintendent of the poor of Otsego county, for one term under sheriff, and he served several years as assessor of the town of Milford.

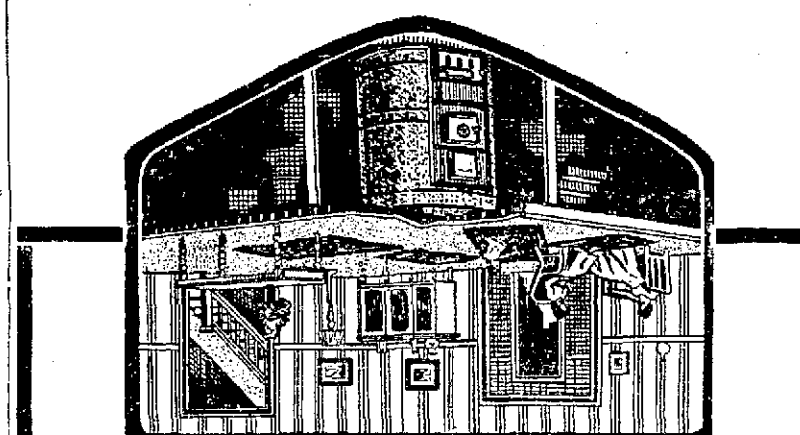
Prayer service will be held at the house on Saturday at 1:30 p. m., with interment at Mt. Vision.

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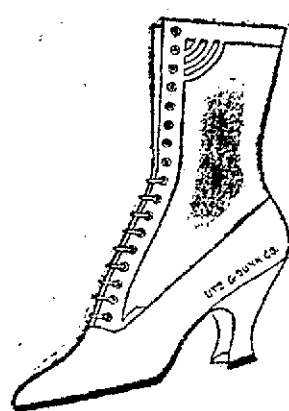
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Pre-Inventory Specials:-

Friday - Saturday - Monday

Only a few days before our January first inventory and we find we have several small lots of merchandise that we want to close out quickly. We have marked these for quick selling. The quantity in each lot is very limited.

Women's Fancy High Cut Boots in browns, grays, ivories, etc., former prices \$3 and \$9. Pre-Inventory Price	\$6.90
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Men's Slippers	98c.
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ONEONTA DEFEATS ROXBURY.

Local Team Carries Off Honors at Roxbury Wednesday Evening.

On Wednesday evening the Oneonta high school basketball team journeyed to Roxbury, where it defeated the High school team of that place by the score of 24 to 18.

The first half started with a rush, neither team scoring a basket until the first five minutes had been played. Then Woodworth made a foul for Oneonta, which was shortly followed by a field basket for Roxbury, made by Cronk. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 8, Roxbury leading.

In the last half the Oneonta boys secured their lead and maintained it during the rest of the game. The playing was clean throughout, lacking any rough work. Getman starred for Oneonta and Miller for Roxbury.

Following is the score:

ONEONTA	F.B.	P.P.	T.P.
Kniekern, R.	1	0	2
Keenan, R.	1	0	2
Getman, C.	6	0	12
Woodworth, Lg.	2	4	8
West, Rg.	0	0	0
Totals	10	4	24

ROXBURY	F.B.	P.P.	T.P.
Richard, Lf.	0	1	1
Cronk, Rf.	2	1	5
Miller, C.	6	0	12
Murray, Lg.	0	0	0
Kelly, Rg.	0	0	0
Totals	8	2	18

Bob Ott Company.

Next week Bob Ott and his big musical comedy company will be seen at the Oneonta theatre in six new plays.

Bob Ott is the most imitated man on the American stage. His style is strictly his own—in other words, personality. Therefore his followers are only wasting time. His personality spells originality. People like him because he is funny, without being vulgar. Other comedians gain laughs, but they are not legitimate laughs—they are away from home.

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The fellow who doesn't understand how the other fellow succeeds probably can't understand his own lack of success.—Exchange.

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TROLLEY EMPLOYEES BANQUET

ENJOYABLE EVENT IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

Company Duplicates Dollar For Dollar the Income From Dues of the Association—Address by General Manager Stone—Officers Elected.

Two hundred employees of the Southern New York railway, including the men from all stations Oneonta to Herkimer, were in attendance at a dinner given by General Manager C. L. Stone, in connection with the annual meeting of the Employees' Mutual Benefit association which, for a dozen of years, has been doing excellent service for the men and proving of benefit in many ways. The meeting was held at the building of the association, at Hartwick, on Wednesday evening. The event was one of the most profitable and enjoyable as well as best attended in the history of the organization.

While those from the more remote points were gathering there was a basket ball game between a team representing the employees of the road and the town team from Oneonta, which was won by the former by the score of 22 to 18, the game proving a good clean one with many fast plays.

W. E. Ford, agent at Oneonta, was made chairman of the meeting and, following a short address by Bert Shelman, the retiring president of the association, in which he voiced appreciation for the hearty support given him during the year and congratulated the members upon the accomplishments of the period, General Manager C. L. Stone of Cooperstown addressed the gathering. Mr. Stone dwelt upon the benefits to the men and the company, of the association, and the united effort essential to enable the officers to make the organization as successful and beneficial as it should be. He referred to the value to the company of the intelligent hearty efforts of employees to make the business of the company successful, thanked the men for the spirit with which they have co-operated along this line and emphasized the necessity of further continued efforts, especially in view of the increased burdens upon the company by the war and expenses incident thereto, to exert the greatest possible care in operation and in conserving the property and materials of the company. Following along the same line he urged each and every employee to give the government an undivided and hearty support, not only in the purchase of Liberty bonds but in the conservation of food and all other materials to the end that the war may be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion. Mr. Stone closed by announcing that the company had decided to give dollar for dollar for all moneys raised by the association by dues during the past year to the association, which amounts to \$656.50. This amount the company has paid to the treasurer of the association.

Mr. Feeney responded in behalf of the association, expressing the sincere appreciation of each member of the association for the generosity of the company and pledging the continued best efforts of the men for the successful operation of the road and the conduct of all branches of its business. Other speakers following were Hon. N. P. Willis of Cooperstown, who referred to the duty of each to do his part both in work and sacrifice to help win the war, the duty of those left behind being equally as important as of those gone to the front, for without the support of the former the efforts of the latter will come to naught; Mr. Schaefer, president of the village of Mohawk, and Attorney Hintermeister of Hartwick, the latter speaking especially for the associate members of the association.

Following the speeches the following officers for the year were chosen: President—Charles Holcott. Vice-President—Lynn Sill. Treasurer—William Gardner. Secretary—Clarence Whitbeck. Refreshments were then served, the menu not being as elaborate as in former years owing to the desire to co-operate in the food conservation plans. The edibles, however, were palatable and were greatly enjoyed. The social hour that followed ended much too quickly and at 1:30 o'clock cars left for Oneonta and Herkimer and the event ended. One of the enjoyable features was the presence of several former employees of the company whom many had not seen in 15 or 20 years, among these being Sherman Stone, Earl A. Smith, and Homer Anderson of Oneonta.

Woman War Leader.

Winema, otherwise known as Toby Riddle, is probably the only North American woman who ever led warriors into battle. In the war between the Modocs and the Pitt River (California) Indians many years ago, this dauntless Indian maid, who had previously received the title of Kaitchekona Winema (sub-chief) when she fearlessly guided her canoe through the rushing waters of Link River and saved the lives of two children, assumed command of the Modocs when that band's leader was shot down. Mounted on her war horse, she rushed to the head of her Indian column and led a brilliant cavalry charge which resulted in a complete victory over the Pitt River tribe.

Keep Track of Expenses.

It's a good thing to keep right account of the expenditures. Some business concerns have a cost account for every line of the business. This avoids that consuming, non-responsible gulf called general expense or sundries. It makes every head of department responsible for every penny used. It's not tightness, it's just business. And when you know that every item is down for accounting you are not likely to be careless in your expenditures. When you take the time to look over expenses carefully before you make them, fewer entries will be made. It's the unwatched outgo that puts the drain on the family purse.—Exchange.

Here Is Ireland's First Ambassador



DR. PATRICK MCCARTON

It will probably surprise many readers to be advised of the fact that this mild-looking doctor is the "First Ambassador to the United States from the Sinn Fein of Ireland."

He is Dr. Patrick McCarton, who is now in the Tombs, where he was placed by Secret Service men after his arrest at Halifax for fraudulently obtaining a passport in the United States.

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at the home of his father, Norman Muller.—Prof. J. Albert Winans of Ithaca is a guest at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Winans.—Among those who are out of town for the holidays are: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Landmesser, who are visiting at Schuyler Lake; Mrs. Herbert Bishop and Mrs. Gertrude Palmer, who are spending a few days in Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stewart and family at the home of her mother; Mrs. M. C. Copley at Bainbridge; and Mrs. Lillian Cornell and daughter, Margaret, at Masonville.—A. E. Vandervort is exhibiting two birds at the Madison Square Garden Poultry show in New York city this week.

HEARD IN HOBBART.

Hobart, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Harroway of Richmondville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Gregory.—Miss Martha Colman of New York city is at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. St. John Colman.—Miss Nellie Druse of Oneonta, the nurse who has been caring for Mrs. Robert All, returned to her home today.—Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gilbride, who have been making their home at Marvin cottage, have gone to Oneonta to make their home.—Mrs. Dell Simmonson spent Wednesday in Oneonta.

—Mrs. Emily Robinson of Harpersfield is visiting at the home of Mrs. R. Thompson.—R. W. Hume of Oneonta was a business visitor in town Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hanford and daughter, Eleanor, Frank Silliman, and Miss Dora Silliman were guests of H. K. Rose Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hicock and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters of Oneonta, and Mrs. Susie Davis of Delhi were guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyon.—Dr. Dart, who fell Christmas eve in front of Springs Specialty, is able to be out.—Mr. and Mrs. Millard Utter of East Meredith and Mrs. Lizzie Squire of Milford Center were guests of their sister, Mrs. Jay Manchester, Christmas day.—The Douglas Bible class of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Fred Moore Friday at 2:30 p. m. Election of officers.—The result of the basketball games, held in Grant's hall last evening, were: Hobart high school, 26; Stamford high school, 17; Hobart town team, 27; Stamford town team, 31.—R. Thompson and Daniel Thompson left this morning for New York city.—Roy Selman of Kansas City, Mo., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Selman.—Miss Augusta Rose is at Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King's.—W. E. King was a business visitor in Halcottville and Roxbury yesterday.

DAVENPORT CENTER.

Davenport Center, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Holmes spent Christmas with their son at the Windsor, Oneonta.—Mrs. H. S. Olmstead spent Christmas with friends in Oneonta.—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dayton entertained friends at a Christmas dinner.—Frances Allington of Binghamton and Doris Burdick of Elmira and Charles Burdick of Binghamton spent Christmas at E. J. Burdick's.—Miss Marietta Simmons of Oneonta was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Goodrich, Christmas.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pearsall of Oneonta were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Banner, Christmas.—Alma Eldred is spending her vacation with her father at Laurons.—Miss Kathryn Eldred was a guest of her sister, Mina, over Christmas.—The school building was filled with people Monday evening to witness the exercises given by the children in charge of Blanche Burdick.—The school room was tastefully trimmed and a tree well laden with gifts was unloaded during the evening to the delight of the little people. The exercises by the children were carried out perfectly and showed the excellent training they had received.—L. D. Goodrich presented each child with a sack of candies and nuts, and Leon Hanvey presented each one with an orange.—Dan Sherman as is his custom sent gifts for all the children and it goes without saying that the children departed for their homes as happy as Christmas gifts could make them. Mrs. H. S. Olmstead gave a reading during the exercises entitled "Why Santa Hid His Face," to the delight of all.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamm have commenced housekeeping in their tenant house. They have been staying with her father, C. E. Simmons, since their home was destroyed by fire.

CITY LEAGUE BOWLING.

White Sox Take Two Out of Three from Cubs.

Last evening the White Sox and Cubs rolled off a postponed match, resulting in the White Sox defeating the Cubs two gains.

Lambros put up the high score by hitting the maples for 234.

Cubs.			
C. Babbitt	145	104	135-444
Caswell	162	163	162-489
Bales	143	177	136-456
Lane	145	157	158-469

Totals 586 661 592 1849

Team average, 616 1-3.

White Sox.

Lambros	144	154	234-512
Latin	159	159	159-477
Westcott	171	168	151-480
Laskaris	155	189	168-512

Totals 659 610 712 1981

Team average, 660 1-3.

White Sox Defeat Red Sox.

The White Sox put one over on the Red Sox last evening by winning two out of three games. The games were close and interesting until the last man had finished.

Westcott had high score of 207 for the night.

By the White Sox defeating the Cubs, two, and coming back after the Red Sox for two more, they are tied with the Red Sox for first place.

Red Sox.

Graves	144	151	171-446
McKean	143	201	192-543
Buss	169	179	164-512
Matteson	144	141	159-444

Totals 600 652 693 1945

Team average, 648 1-3.

White Sox.

Lambros	164	161	175-500
Latin	130	165	169-464
Westcott	182	207	156-545
Laskaris	148	180	174-502

Totals 624 713 674 2011

Team average, 670 1-3.

City League Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.
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Red Sox 6 3 .667

White Sox 6 3 .667

Glants 2 4 .333

Cubs 1 5 .167

Typical Pipes of the Nations.

The clay pipes used by the natives of various countries and nationalities are quite numerous and have their own individual fashion almost characteristic of each country. The French clay pipe is gay in color and for a few cents one can buy one decorated with the carving of animals' heads, and other adornments. The Hungarian clay pipe has a bowl of clay, and a long stem of either wood or bamboo. This pipe is usually large, with a big bowl, and the average cost is ten cents.

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